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COUNTRY: MEXICO

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SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP

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SOURCE :

1. EXCEPT FOR AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF A PLANNED DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD AT THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (IPN) SOME TIME DURING THE DAY OF 2 AUGUST 1968, THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT FURTHER ORGANIZED STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE PLANNED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

2. AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAM), STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOLS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, ECONOMICS, LAW AND PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS PLAN TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS ON 2 AUGUST.

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THESE GROUPS ARE PLANNING TO FORM "BRIGADES" TO BE SENT OUT TO VISIT SOCIAL GROUPS, WORKER ORGANIZATIONS AND FACTORIES TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION AND TO MUSTER SUPPORT FOR FUTURE DEMONSTRATIONS. THEY PLAN TO SUBMIT TO THE UNAM RECTOR A PETITION CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS:

A. ABOLITION OF THE RIOT POLICE (GRANADEROS)

B. DISMISSAL OF THE MEXICO CITY CHIEF OF POLICE AND HIS ASSISTANTS.

C. REFORM OF POLICE REGULATIONS.

D. INDEMNITY TO FAMILIES OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS INJURED DURING DISTURBANCES.

E. RESPECT FOR UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY.

F. IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARRESTED DURING DISTURBANCES, PLUS DESTRUCTION OF THEIR POLICE FILES.

G. OBJECTIVE REPORTING BY THE PRESS OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND DEMANDS, AND CESSATION OF GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP.

RADICAL ELEMENTS AT THE ABOVE SCHOOLS STATE THAT FOR THE PRESENT THEIR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN STEMMED BY THE GOVERNMENT; HOWEVER, THEY PLAN TO REORGANIZE AND BUILD FOR CONTINUED AGITATION, TO CULMINATE

SOME TIME WITHIN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

3. AT A MEETING AT IPN ON 1 AUGUST, STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS DISAVOWED THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TECHNICAL STUDENTS (FNET) AS THE REPRESENTATIVE VOICE OF IPN STUDENTS.

4. A STUDENT NAMED JORGE PINA PALACIO WAS IN THE VICINITY OF PREPARATORY SCHOOL NUMBER FIVE ON 29 JULY WHEN IT WAS ATTACKED BY ARMY TROOPS. AFTER A BAZOOKA WAS FIRED IN ORDER TO BREAK OPEN THE DOORS TO THE SCHOOL, PINA ENTERED THE BUILDING TO SEARCH FOR HIS BROTHER, AND DISCOVERED THAT HE HAD BEEN KILLED. TROOPS PUSHED PINA OUT OF THE BUILDING AND TOOK HIS BROTHER'S BODY AWAY IN AN AMBULANCE. AS OF 2 AUGUST THE FAMILY WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BODY.

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